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IN THE CLAIMS:

The following listing of the claims replaces all earlier listings and all earlier versions.

1. (Currently amended) A confectionery product comprising:

(i) a salivation region comprising a ~~salivation agent~~ acidulant in an amount effective to aid in the stimulation of the flow of saliva in an oral cavity and a salivation region confectionery base that is a sugar base or a sugarless base; and

(ii) an oral comfort region comprising an oral comfort ingredient selected from the group consisting of lipids, surfactants and mixtures thereof in an amount effective to lubricate, coat or moisten said oral cavity and an oral comfort region confectionery base that is a sugar base or a sugarless base,

wherein the salivation region and the oral comfort region each have a surface on the exterior of the product,

wherein the ~~salivation agent~~ acidulant is not uniformly distributed throughout the product but is concentrated in the salivation region, and the oral comfort ingredient is concentrated in the oral comfort region,

wherein the confectionery product is a hard candy, and

wherein the confectionery product comprises about 50 to about 99.5 percent by weight confectionery base.